UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. B-4591DIV 621581-5

Anticipated Classification

of this application

.Class _____ Subclass _

Prior application: 10/142,374

Examiner: Sylvia MacArthur

Art Unit: 1763

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a

[] Continuation [X] Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior U.S. Application Serial No. 10/142,374 filed on May 8, 2002 of (1) Wan-Yi WU and (2) Ming Fa TSAI for "PUNCHING APPARATUS FOR BACKING-FILMS OF CMP MACHINES AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE METHOD FOR THE SAME".

1. Prior Application

 $[\mathbf{X}]$ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the aboveidentified prior application (USSN 10/142,374), including 10 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, the oath or declaration (4 pages), and 15 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1, 2a-2c, 3a-3h,4, 5a-5d, 6a-6b, 7-8) as originally filed. The attached true copy constitutes the above-identified divisional application (please also see 8 for drawing requirements.)

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) practice, signing and execution of the application by the applicant may be omitted provided the application is a continuation or divisional which adds neither new matter nor new inventors to the parent application, and a copy of the original declaration or oath from the parent application is supplied with the new application - 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1)

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date February 9, 2004 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV301026206US addressed to the

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2.	Amer	ndmer	its

- [] Cancel in this application original claims __ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

NOTE: Only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered before calculating the final

3. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

Number Filed	Number Extra	l	Rate	Basic Fee \$770.00
Total Claims	1 -20=	0 ×	\$ 18.00	0
Independent Claims	1 -3=		\$ 86.00	
Multiple dependent Claim(s), if any		0 x	\$ 290.00	0

[] The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims canceled by amendments, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark Office in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d).

Filing fee calculation \$ 770.00

- 4. Small Entity Status
 - [] a verified statement that this is a filing by a small entity is attached.
 - [] a verified statement has previously been filed in the parent application (37 C.F.R. § 1.28 (a)).

Filing fee calculation (50% of above) \$ _____

OTE: If a verified statement is filed within two (2) months of the date of payment of the first fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. Notice of January 20, 1983. 1027 TMCG 114.

5. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

Not enclosed

[] no filing fee is submitted. This and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.

Enclosed

[X] filing fee

\$<u>770.00</u>

- 6. Method of Payment of Fees
 - [X] enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_770.00
 - [] charge account number 12-0415 in the amount of \$

 NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid 37 C.F.R. § 1.22(b)

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- 7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required to Account No. 12-0415:
 - [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (filing fees and presentation of extra claims)
 - [X] 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
 - [] 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires 'Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application...prior to paying...issue fee.'

8. Drawings

[] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by (1) the applicant, (2) the assignee of record or (3) the attorney or agent of record authorized by 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)

NOTE: DO NOT check this box if prior case is not to be abandoned.

- [X] Drawings are enclosed (see true copy of prior application USSN 10/142,374)
- 9. Priority 35 U.S.C. 119
 - [X] Priority of application Serial No. 90127512 filed on November 6, 2001 in TAIWAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
 - [X] The certified copy has been filed in U.S. Application No. 10/142,374 filed on May 8, 2002.
- 10. Relate Back 35 U.S.C. 120

The Preliminary Amendment presents an amendment to the specification to relate this divisional application to its parent.

- 11. Assignment
 - [X] The prior application is assigned of record to NANYA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
- [X] Attached is the following number of Assignments: $\underline{1}$ and respective ${\bf new}$ Cover Sheets. (Do ${\bf NOT}$ file old cover sheets.)
- 12. Power of Attorney CUSTOMER NO.: 36716

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[X] The power appears in the original papers in the a. prior application b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed. c. [] A copy of the executed Supplemental Declaration/Power is enclosed herewith. [X] Address all future communications to: d. Richard P. Berg c/o LADAS & PARRY 5670 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2100 Los Angeles, California 90036-5679 [] An Associate Power of Attorney has been executed and is attached. (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record). Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application _____ until An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith. February 9, 2004 Date Signature Richard P. Berg Registration No. 28,145 Address of Signatory

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Assignee of complete interest

(x) Attorney or agent of record []

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REGARDING THE U.S. PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Wan-Yi WU and Ming Fa TSAI

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- Transmittal letter with Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (4 pages)
- Preliminary amendment (4 pages)
- True copy of parent application U.S. Patent Appln. No. 10/142,374 consisting of: 10 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, the oath or declaration (4 pages), and 15 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1, 2a-2c, 3a-3h, 4, 5a-5d, 6a-6b,7-8) as originally filed
- Claim to Priority (1 page)
- Assignment document (1 page) with Cover Sheet (1 page), and check no. 18444 for \$40.00

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